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REF: USNATO 2160

1. I REPEATED US ARGUMENTS AGAINST A SEPARATE CSCE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MEDITERRANEAN TODAY TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON, WHO

HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT OF AMBASSADOR SHERER'S APRIL 22 STATEMENT IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

2. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION, TOO, OPPOSES
A STATEMENT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. YET, SO DAVIGNON
ASSERTED, EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EC INITIATIVE,
THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT AS A
RESULT OF PRESSURES FROM SPAIN, MALTA OR YUGOSLAVIA,
OR ALL THREE. THEREFORE, IT IS BETTER TO WORK FROM
THE ITALIAN TEXT AS APPROVED BY THE NINE, WHICH IS
INTENTIONALLY VAGUE AND INNOCUOUS, THAN TO RISK HAVING
TO DEAL WITH A MORE TROUBLESOME TEXT EMANATING FROM
ELSEWHERE. WHILE THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DISCUSSION OF
THE CONCEPT OF A SEPARATE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION,
DAVIGNON CONCLUDED, THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND THE NINE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
THIS WITH THE US.

3. COMMENT: SINCE DAVIGNON HAD AMPLE TIME TO EXAMINE AMBASSADOR SHERER'S STATEMENT, HIS EXPLANATIONS, NOTABLY HIS REFERENCE TO ALLEGED QTE PRESSURES FROM SPAIN, MALTA OR YUGOSLAVIA UNQTE APPEAR SOMEWHAT THIN.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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